Trivandrum Electric Supply.

G 462. *MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara I*): Will the Government be pleased to state with reference to the cost of the electric power supplied by the Electrical Department to the public of Trivandrum:

(*a*) the cost realised per unit:

(*b*) when it was so fixed;

(*c*) the profits made by the department by the sale of power at the end of the first year and at the close of 1110, respectively: and

(*d*) whether a reduction of the cost is contemplated at present?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) A statement showing the tariff of charges is placed on the table.

(*b*) In October 1933.

(*c*) (1) At the end of 1104 (the supply having been commenced on the 8th March 1929 corresponding to Kumbhom 1104) without allowing for interest and depreciation charges, Rs. 10,169-9-4.

(2) Do. at the close of 1110 after allowing for interest and depreciation charges, Rs. 19,496-10-11.

(*d*) The matter is under consideration.

MR. T. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara II*): May I know whether the Electrical Executive Engineer, Trivandrum, has recently issued an order demanding from the consumers further deposits in proportion to the quantity of current that they consume, over and above the deposits that have already been made?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*). Government are not aware of such order.

MR. T. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara II*): Will they be pleased to enquire?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Yes.

Appendix

***Vide* Answer to Question No. 462.**

Tariff of rates for the supply of electric energy.

1. For lights and fans;— Six annas a unit subject to a minimum of Bh. Rs. 1-8-0 a month for every consumer per meter installed.

2. For cinemotograph installation — 4 annas a unit.

3. For domestic uses such as cooking, refrigerating, small pumping sets etc. 3 annas a unit.

4. For motive power for industrial purposes —

   i. For small installations up to 20 BHP requiring power intermittently and consuming less than 24,000 units per annum, annas 3 per unit.

   ii. For installations consuming above 24 000 units but below 50,000 units, flat rate of $1\frac{1}{2}$ annas per unit.

**Vide* Appendix.

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iii. For installations consuming above 50,000 units per annum but below 1,00,000 units per annum. First 50,000 units $1\frac{1}{2}$ annas per unit. For consumption above 50,000 units 1·35 annas per unit. For consumptions above 1,00,000 units, rates will be fixed by special agreement.

5. Meter hire —

(*a*) When meters are installed as sub-meters a minimum charge of Re. 1-8-0 is payable for each meter so installed.

(*b*) When prepayment meters are installed a meter hire of 0-6-0 per meter per mensem is payable.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS.—(*contd.*)

THE TRAVANCORE AGRICULTURISTS' RELIEF BILL.

MR. R. SAMBASIVA AIYAR (*Kunnatnad II*): I seek permission to submit a point for ruling by the Chair. Yesterday, I was not allowed to speak in opposition to the Clauses in the Bill when they were put one after another, although I was allowed to do so till yesterday. If I am not allowed that opportunity now, I do not think, Sir, I can do it at the third reading of the Bill. I therefore request the Chair to give direction whether I can speak in opposition to the various Clauses when they are put to vote.

PRESIDENT: You want the Chair to give a direction to itself?

MR. R. SAMBASIVA AIYAR (*Kunnatnad II*): I will have the right to speak in opposition only if the Chair says that I can do so.

PRESIDENT: No general direction like that can be given. The necessity for allowing a member an opportunity to speak will be judged according to the nature of the amendment, if any, that he proposes. If the circumstances are such that the member should in fairness be allowed the chance of expressing his views, I doubt not that he will be given such opportunity.

Clause 24

PRESIDENT: The question is that Clause 24 do form part of the Bill.

MR. R. SAMBASIVA AIYAR (*Kunnatnad II*): I oppose, Sir. I beg to submit that the decision of a Board as to whether a person is or is not an agriculturist, if held to be final, would work very great hardship considering the nature of the definition of the term 'agriculturist' in the Bill.

PRESIDENT: Order, order. It must be clearly understood that, if any member claims the right to object to the inclusion or retention of a particular Clause in a Bill, he should have tabled an amendment for that purpose. The honourable member has not done so, although he had an opportunity to do it. Therefore, he has accepted that clause. Now he wants to be allowed the right to get up in his place and say that the clause must be deleted. That cannot be allowed.

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